

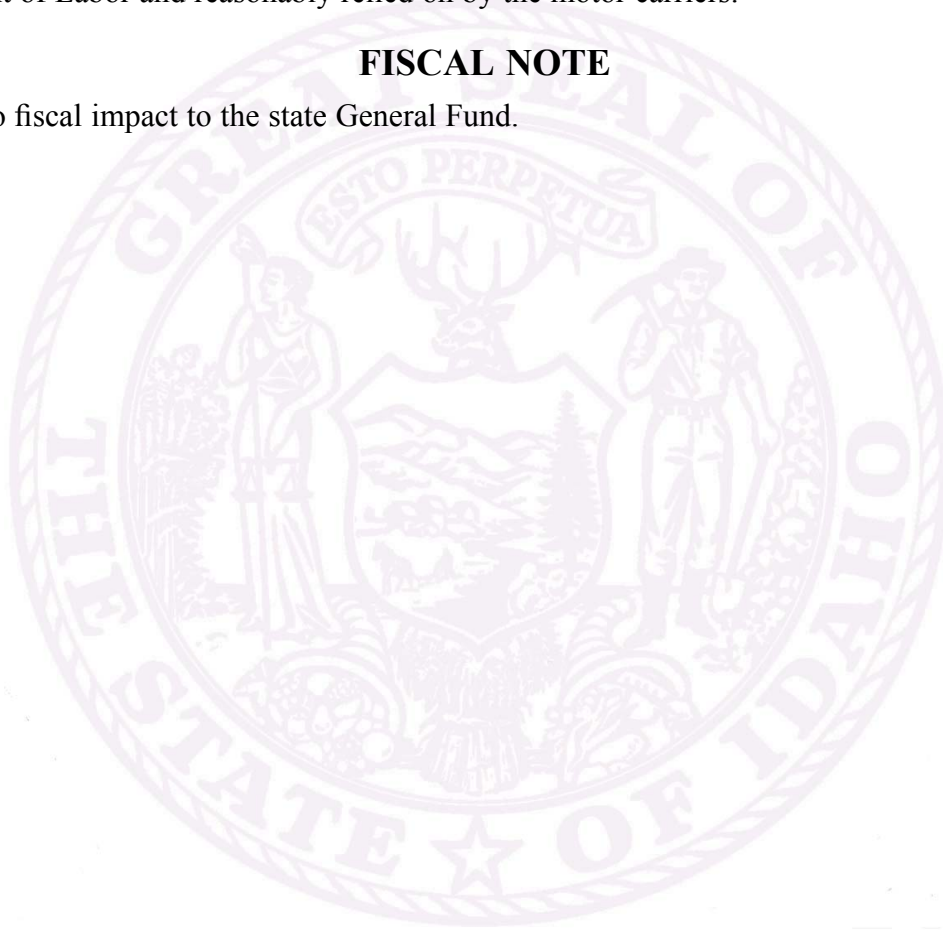
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23584

The purpose of this legislation is to provide a specific exemption under the Idaho Employment Security Law regarding owner-operators in the trucking industry. Owner-operators are in the independent business of leasing trucks to a motor carrier and supplying drivers to operate the leased trucks. Recent court cases in Idaho have demonstrated the potential misapplication and/or misinterpretation of the current general exemption under the Idaho Employment Security Law when applied to owner-operators. As a result of these recent court cases, many motor carriers have chosen not to engage owner-operators in Idaho. This legislation would reduce future litigation by providing a clear and concise exemption that can be efficiently administered and enforced by the Department of Labor and reasonably relied on by the motor carriers.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state General Fund.



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